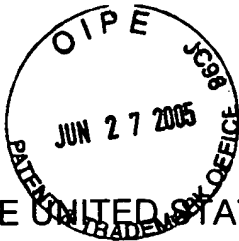


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Prior to an examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests the present application be amended in accordance with the following:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.